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SUBJECT: SECOND MEETING UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL MARCH 11-22, 1974

1. AS UK HICOM HERE HAD NOT BEEN INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH GOK ON GC-II ISSUES, EMBOFF ON FEB. 19 DISCUSSED MATTER WITH FATHER GEORGE MUHOHO, PRINCIPAL KENYAN LIAISON OFFICER WITH UNEP.

2. MUHOHO FULLY AGREED WITH PARAS 4 AND 7 OF REFTEL, COMMENTING WITH REGARD TO FORMER THAT CURRENT IGWG MONITORING MEETING HAD ALSO LEFT SETTING UP OF WORKING GROUPS UNTIL TOO LATE.

3. WHILE AGREEING IN PRINCIPLE WITH APPROACH SUGGESTED PARA 5 REFTEL, MUHOHO WAS NONCOMMITAL ON PRIORITY ITEMS PROPOSED BY US, SAYING GOK HAD NOT YET FOCUSED ON ISSUE. HE THOUGHT PRIORITY ITEMS SHOULD BE DRAWN FROM AMONG SUB-HEADS OF PRIORITY SUBJECT AREAS LISTED IN ED'S REPORT ON ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM (UNEP/GC/14/ADD.2). MUHOHO ADDED THAT GOK PRIORITY ITEMS FOR GC-I HAD INCLUDED

1) LAND, WATER AND DESERTIFICATION; 2) HUMAN SETTLE-

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MENTS, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING; 3) EDUCATION-TRAINING

AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE; 4) CONSERVATION OF NATURE, WILDLIFE AND GENETIC RESOURCES AND 5) TRADE, ECONOMICS, TECHNOLOGY AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.

4. RE PARA 6 REFTTEL, MUHOHO SAID HE DIDN'T THINK GOK AND US REALLY DISAGREED OVER CONSTRAINTS ON USE OF ENVIRONMENT FUND. THERE NO QUESTION OF ITS BEING USED FOR PURELY DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS, BUT KSEYA DID FEEL UNEP SHOULD BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN DEMONSTRATING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, POSSIBLY THROUGH PILOT SCHEMES AND/OR BY FUNDING SEMINARS ON SUBJECT.

5. MUHOHO CONFIRMED THAT KENYA WOULD SEEK PRESIDENCY OF GC-II. FOR. MIN. MUNGAI WILL LEAD LARGE KENYAN DELEGATION, BUT OTHER MEMBERS NOT YET SELECTED.

6. WHEN EMBOFF RAISED QUESTION OF BLOC VOTING AT IGWG MONITORING MEETING, MUHOHO SAID KENYA WOULD HAVE PREFERRED NOT TO HAVE HAD SUCH A PATTERN STARTED, BUT THAT ONCE LDC'S AGREED ON TACTIC, KENYA COULD NOT STAND OUT AGAINST IT. HE CLAIMED THAT GOK WOULD WORK BEHIND SCENES AT GC-II TO PREVENT BLOC VOTING IF POSSIBLE.

7. AMBASSADOR WILL TRY TO TRACK FOR. MIN. MUNGAI DOWN BEFORE CONFERENCE AND GO OVER SAME GROUND WITH HIM. UNLESS NOTIFIED OTHERWISE BY DEPARTMENT, AMBASSADOR WILL OPEN MEETING WITH MUNGAI BY INDICATING OUR SUPPORT FOR HIS PRESIDENCY OF GC-II, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND ALREADY AGREED TO AT FIRST GC. HOPEFULLY, KENYANS MAY RESPOND TO POSITIVE APPROACH BY HELPING US ACHIEVE GOALS ON WHICH WE APPEAR TO HAVE SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT. MARSHALL

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